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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN GRANT

REF: VALLETTA 1520, SEPTEMBER 1, 1972

1. PM MINTOFF INFORMED PARLIAMENT FEB 13. NORWEGIAN GOVT.
HAS FINALIZED GRANT TO MALTA OF SIX MILLION HFONER (410,00
MALTA POUNDSA-ONE MALTA POUND EQUALS APPROX 2.55 DOLLARS)
TO BE USED ON MACHINERY FOR MALTA'S INDUSTRIALIZATION
PROGRAM. MINTOFF EXPLAINED NORWEGIAN PM TRYGVE BRATTELI HAD
PROMISED HIM HIS GOVT READY TO "HELP MALTA ACHIEVE THE AIMS
OF THE MALTESE SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT/ DURING
MAY 1972 MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN VIENNA.
MINTOFF ATTRIBUTED DELAY IN FINALIZING GRANT TO BRATTELI'S
RESIGNATION AFTER HIS PARTY LOST REFERENDUM ON NORWAY'
ENTRY INTO COMMON MARKET. FOLLOWING REELECTION NORWEGIAN
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT LAST OCTOBER, NEGOTIATIONS
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ON AGREEMENT WERE RESUMED. MINTOFF SAID SUM WAS INTENDED

FOR ACQUISITION MODERN DREDGER.

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, IT IS ASSUMED MINTOFF WILL, AS USUAL, ATTEMPT SERVE SEVERAL PURPOSES WITH NORWEGIAN GRANT, I.E., PROVIDE WORK FOR MALTA DRYDOCKS THROUGH CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ASSEMBLY OF DREDGER WHICH WILL BE USED FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLY IN ASSOCIATION WITH EXPANSION DRYDOCKS' FACILITIES.

3. IF THESE FIGURES ARE BORNE OUT, WE HAVE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF MINTOFF MAGIC. FROM ORIGINAL HALF MILLION KRONER OFFER, HE HAS NEGOTIATED IT UP FIRST TO ONE MILLION AND NOW TO SIX MILLION.
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